

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING SOURCING OPPORTUNITY  
UTILIZATION POLICIES**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**[00100]** A system and method is provided for optimizing sourcing opportunity utilization policies. A user provides at least one of a business objective and a business constraint. Next, an available set of sourcing opportunity utilization policies is determined. From this set, an “optimal” sourcing opportunity utilization policy is selected based on its ability to best meet the at least one business objective or constraint. Based on evaluation of the optimal sourcing opportunity utilization policy and/or associated business performance, the at least one business objective or constraint and/or available set of sourcing opportunity utilization policies may be revised, and the process repeated to determine the optimal sourcing utilization policy for this revised specification.